

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of October 28, 2008 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 3;

dependent claim 3 is canceled;

dependent claim 8 is amended to replace "a said bubble" and "the ejection of a said drop" with --said bubble-- and --ejection of said drop--, respectively;

dependent claim 17 is amended to replace "the ejection of a said drop" with --ejection of said drop--;

dependent claims 5, 6, 10-14, 16 and 18 are unchanged; and

claims 19, 21, 24, 25, 27, 29-33, 35-38, 40, 42-44, 47-50 and 52-54 are cancelled.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding Claim Objections

Regarding Claims 1, 19 and 38

The Applicant respectfully notes that the issues raised by the Examiner were corrected by the Applicant in the Amendment filed August 10, 2008. Accordingly, the Applicant considers that the Examiner has merely replicated the objections from the previous Office Action in error.

Regarding Claims 8 and 27

It is respectfully submitted that the amendment of claim 8 and cancelation of claim 27 provide the corrections required by the Examiner.

Regarding Claims 8, 17, 27 and 36

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments of claims 8 and 17 and cancellation of claims 27 and 36 provide the corrections required by the Examiner.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the obviousness rejections of claims 1, 5, 6, 10-14, 16 and 18 over the cited references based on the amendment of independent claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of pending claim 3.

Regarding Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of pending claims 3 and 21 under the conditions stated in the Office Action.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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